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In response to After-Final filed 7/31/2009. Claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-37 are pending.

Claims 1-3 were amended.

This amendment will be entered.

1. Concerning the objection of claims 2 and 3 for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim has been overcome with the present limitations.
2. Regarding the rejection of claim 22 under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, the rejection is still maintained. Examiner notes that the passage Applicant has pointed to recites those layers other than the outermost layers "essentially not to include particles". It is suggested to amend to the above phrase to be consistent with the present specification.
3. Examiner notes that the present claims are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) and not 35 USC 102(b) as asserted by Applicant. The previous Non-Final Rejection dated 9/5/2008 had some claims rejected under 35 USC 102(b). As such, Applicant asserts that the present claims recitation of a feedblock including two or members having a number of microscopic slits distinguishes from the recited prior art of Hebrink, Arends, and Weber. Examiner respectfully disagrees and would like to note that Hebrink discloses the use of multipliers in combination with a feedblock in the passages recited by Applicant. Multipliers are known within the art to be slits in which polymer feeds are

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extruded through to form a multilayer film laminate. Given that prior art recites the use of multipliers to form a multilayer film laminate, and in combination with Weber which discloses the formation of at least 2000 layers to form a film laminate, it is clear that the prior art would meet the present limitations.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PRASHANT J. KHATRI whose telephone number is (571)270-3470. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. (First Friday Off).

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